

September 17, 2015

United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative,

On behalf of the members of the Susan B. Anthony List, I am writing to urge the House of Representatives to pass H.R. 3134, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act as sponsored by Rep. Diane Black.

This bill calls for a one-year moratorium on federal funding for Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider. This bill is being proposed in direct response to the recent undercover videos by the Center for Medical Progress, which have uncovered the unethical and possibly illegal actions of this controversial organization. H.R. 3134 is a modest and bipartisan piece of legislation that would, more specifically, create a one-year moratorium on federal funds to Planned Parenthood, affiliates, and clinics, unless they certify that they will not do abortions or provide funds for abortion to others.

It has been long held by the Susan B. Anthony List that women do not need Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider. Since the beginning of this debate earlier this summer when the first undercover video was revealed, analysts have noted that Rural Health Centers as well as Federally Qualified Health Centers all across the country can provide more comprehensive care for more women. Nationally there are 655 Planned Parenthood facilities compared to 13,540 women's health clinics offering primary care, birth control, pediatric services, mental health and substance abuse services, and even dental care in many instances, prenatal care, pediatrics and more.

This important piece of legislation is a great first step that the House of Representatives can take to end gross abuses and remove taxpayer dollars from the nation's number one abortion provider. While votes on this standalone legislation represent progress in protecting women and the babies they carry, we continue to encourage the House to pass this measure, or a similar one, as part of must-pass legislation that can reach the President's desk, including a Continuing Resolution.

Thank you for considering our views on this vital topic.

Sincerely,

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